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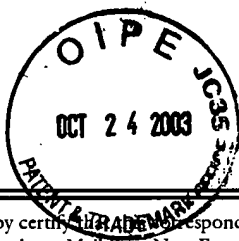
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed July 21, 2003, time for response to which is set to expire October 21, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.